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## Tapping of Hill Phones Charged By Montoya, Denied by Justice

DENVER, March 20 (AP)—  
Sen. Joseph M. Montoya (D-  
N.M.) says the Justice Depart-  
ment has tapped private tele-

phone lines of U.S. senators  
and congressmen. A depart-  
ment spokesman denied this.

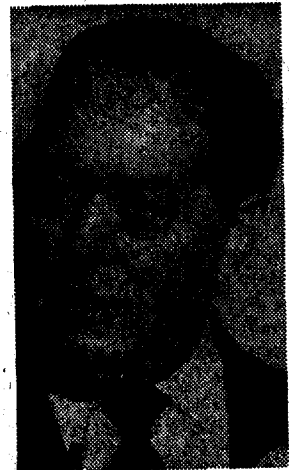
Montoya said in a speech to  
Colorado's Jefferson-Jackson  
Day Dinner Friday night that  
the Nixon administration had  
encouraged and actively par-  
ticipated in "frightening inva-  
sions of citizens' rights and  
privileges."

"Even the United States  
Senate is not immune to it,"  
he said. "Several (members)  
have plainly stated they be-  
lieve their conversations have  
been monitored."

Montoya said in an inter-  
view afterward that he would  
include the Justice Depart-  
ment among those who have  
tapped private telephones of  
senators and House members.  
He mentioned no names.

In Washington, the Justice  
Department director of public  
information, John Hushen,  
said, "That's absolutely false. I  
have no knowledge of any  
such complaints."

In his speech, Montoya also  
said the Post Office had  
opened first-class mail without  
its recipients' knowledge.



**SEN. JOSEPH MONTOYA**  
... accuses administration